IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Ryogo YANAGISAWA : Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH

Serial No. NEW : Attorney Docket No. 2004_0472A

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EXCHANGING METHOD

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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: